

Senate Resolution 1097

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ADOPTED SENATE**A RESOLUTION**

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on the Future of Manufacturing in Georgia; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there are many different factors manufacturing businesses will take into
4 consideration prior to deciding where to set up operation; and

5 WHEREAS, an infrastructure with the ability to quickly and efficiently deliver products to
6 customers is a major selling point to manufacturing businesses, and Georgia possesses such
7 an infrastructure with Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport - the world's leading air cargo
8 center handling more than 900,000 tons of cargo annually - and the state of the art deep water
9 ports in Savannah and Brunswick; and

10 WHEREAS, the manufacturing industry depends on a well trained workforce, and Georgia
11 is committed through programs administered by the Department of Economic Development
12 and the Department of Technical and Adult Education to ensure that there is a highly skilled
13 workforce in the state ready to meet the manufacturing needs in the state; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia prides itself in having a pro-industry business climate and to ensure
15 that as a state we are doing everything possible to continue to attract manufacturers to
16 Georgia it is necessary to evaluate our policies and continue to develop new ideas, such as
17 job creation, incentives to attract industry to Georgia, to help existing industry grow, and to
18 target growth in particular industries.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
20 Study Committee on the Future of Manufacturing in Georgia to be composed of six
21 members of the Senate to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. Three members of the
22 committee shall be from the majority party and three members shall be from the minority
23 party. The Lieutenant Governor shall designate a member from the majority party and a

1 member from the minority party of the committee to serve as cochairpersons of the
2 committee. The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
4 needs, and issues mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
5 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
6 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
7 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
8 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
9 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
10 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
11 any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
12 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
13 appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and
14 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
15 made on or before the convening of the 2009 session of the General Assembly, at which time
16 the committee shall stand abolished.